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REMARKS

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1. A train left Doeberitz (N 53/Z 65) railroad station at 12:45 a.m. on 8 October 1951 with: Soviet troops on 5 boxcars, 8 T-34 tanks and about 20 trucks. Materiel entrained at 1:30 p.m. included: 6 artillery pieces of 76.2-mm; an undetermined number of ZIS-3 trucks and 17 trucks

The train had not yet departed by 9 p.m. The tanks and trucks observed on the two trains bore white stripes on the sides and on top. (1)

2. On 8 October, two trains were loaded with units from the Panzer Kaserne in Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 66) and dispatched toward Neustrelitz. The first train carried 18 trucks with pontoons.

two trucks with motorboats, truck with a crane and 2 two-axle amphibious cars. The second train carried: 18 trucks with pontoons, 1 truck with a motorboat; 1 truck with a crane; 1 three-axle amphibious car numbered C 4-71-28; and an undetermined number of trucks with equipment and luggage. All personnel observed with the materiel wore black-bordered black epaulets, including some with engineer and motor transport insignia. (2)

3. Six mortars of 120-mm were emplaced about 3 km south of Neustrelitz (N 54/U 54) between the road and railroad line from Wesenburg to Neustrelitz on 10 October. The crews were quartered in a camp. (3)

4. On 12 October, it was learned that preparations for exercises were made in the Kreise of Stendal (N 53/Y 85), Neuhaldensleben (N 53/Y 51) Gardelegen (N 53/Y 44), Salzwedel (N 53/Y 27), and Genthin (N 53/Z 03). The farmers were ordered to harvest their fields before 20 October and to remove their cattle from the pastures. Food supplies had to be bought in advance, since it was

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forbidden to leave the villages after 20 October. Soviet troops were expected to be quartered in the locations listed. Effective 20 October, bus traffic will **be stopped temporarily**. The SSD detachment in Gardelegen was increased by 50 men. (4)

5. No changes were observed in the Letzling Heath training area 50X1-HUM prior to 8 October. Exercises started on 15 October. The fields along either side of the canal near Neuhalldensleben have to be harvested by that time. (4)

Comments.

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- (1) The loading of materiel which belongs to the 1st Mecz Div the tanks were destined for Rathenow and the artillery pieces for Dessau.
- (2) the two trains carried elements of the 413th Indep Pon Bridge Bn of the Second Gds Mecz Army. The two-axle amphibious cars belong to a headquarters unit and the three-axle amphibious car to the unidentified engineer regiment of the GOFG in Bernburg.
- (3) a troop camp was located in this area on 6 October 1951.
- (4) The two items of information confirm each other to some extent. similar orders in the Stassfurt-Halberstadt area which would be enforced on 15 October 1951.

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